

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 7, 10, 12, 19, 23, 24, and 25, and cancel claims 2 and 3, such that the status of the claims is as follows:

- 1.(Currently amended) A pest removal device for removing a pest from a surface comprising:
 a main body having an engagement side covered with an adhesive layer[[:]] and
 a backing side positioned opposite the engagement side, wherein the main
 body is configured to be applied to the surface to cover and
 smother the pest; and
 a single release tab ~~covered with a tab liner~~ extending from an outer edge of the
 main body the engagement side and the backing side for removing the
 engagement side from the surface, wherein the single release tab is
 covered with an adhesive layer and a tab liner attached to the adhesive
 layer.
- 2-4. (Canceled)
- 5.(Original) The pest removal device of claim 1, wherein the pest is selected from the group consisting of insects, arachnids, and rodents.
- 6.(Original) The pest removal device of claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer is penetrated with an antiseptic.
- 7.(Currently amended) The pest removal device of claim 6, wherein the antiseptic is alcohol.

8.(Original) The pest removal device of claim 1, further comprising:

a storing liner to which the pest removal device is removably attached.

9.(Original) The pest removal device of claim 8, wherein the storing liner is spooled in a dispenser.

10.(Currently amended) The pest removal device of claim 1, wherein the backing surface side is covered with an adhesive layer.

11.(Original) The pest removal device of claim 1, wherein the surface is human skin.

12.(Currently amended) A pest removal device for removing a pest from a surface comprising:

a main body having a length, a width, ~~a perimeter~~ an outer edge, an engagement side covered with an adhesive layer and a backing side positioned opposite the engagement side, wherein the main body is substantially flat and the engagement side is attachable to the surface by the adhesive layer to cover and smother the pest; and

a release tab extending from ~~the perimeter~~ the outer edge of the main body, wherein the release tab is graspable to apply a pulling force to the outer edge of the main body and peel the main body off the surface to which the main body is attached, the release tab ~~has~~ having a length parallel to the main body length and less than the main body length and a width parallel to the main body width and less than the main body width.

13.(Original) The pest removal device of claim 12, wherein the main body length and width are equal and define a diameter of a circle.

14.(Original) The pest removal device of claim 12, wherein the release tab length and width are equal and define a radius of a half circle, the half circle extends from the perimeter of the main body.

15.(Original) The pest removal device of claim 12, wherein at least a portion of the backing side is covered with an adhesive layer.

16.(Original) The pest removal device of claim 12, wherein the release tab is covered with a tab liner.

17.(Original) The pest removal device of claim 12, wherein the main body and release tab are constructed of a flexible, resilient foam material.

18.(Original) The pest removal device of claim 12, further comprising a storing liner to releasably attach to the engagement side of the main body.

19.(Currently amended) A pest removal device for removing a pest from a surface comprising:

a substrate ~~comprising having~~ a first side and a second side, wherein the ~~first side~~ has substrate comprises an engagement portion and a single release tab portion extending from an edge of the engagement portion, and the substrate is configured to be applied to the surface to cover and smother the pest;

an adhesive layer covering the engagement portion of the first side to contact the pest and covering the single release tab portion of the first side; and

a non-adhesive tab liner attached to the adhesive layer covering the single release tab portion of the first side, wherein the single release tab portion is usable to peel the engagement portion off of a storing liner and peel the engagement portion off of the surface where the pest resides.

20.(Original) The pest removal device of claim 19, further comprising:

a storing liner to which the pest removal device is removably attached.

21.(Original) The pest removal device of claim 20, wherein the storing liner is spooled in a dispenser.

22.(Original) The pest removal device of claim 20, further comprising an adhesive layer covering the second side of the substrate.

23.(Currently amended) A pest removal device for removing a pest from a surface comprising:

a substrate comprising a first side and a second side;

means for removably storing the pest removal devices;

means for securing the pest to the first side of the substrate; ~~and~~

means for causing the pest to release from the surface; and

means for holding the pest removal device without contacting the means for securing.

24.(Currently Amended) A pest removal device for removing a pest from a surface comprising:

a generally circular disk comprising a first surface and a second surface, wherein the first surface has an engagement portion and a single release tab portion;

an adhesive layer covering the engagement portion of the first surface to contact the pest;

a material incorporated into the adhesive layer to cause the pest to release from the surface;

a tab liner covering the single release tab portion of the first surface; and
a storing liner to removably secure the adhesive layer of the pest removal device.

25.(Currently Amended) A method of removing a pest from a surface comprising:

providing a[[n]] pest removal device, wherein the pest removal device comprises
an engagement side covered with an adhesive layer, a backing side
positioned opposite the engagement side, and a single release tab covered
with a tab liner extending from the pest removal device to remove the pest
removal device from the surface;

positioning the engagement side completely over the pest;

securing the pest removal device to the pest and the surface for a time sufficient to cause the pest to release from the surface;

pulling the single release tab; and

removing the pest removal device from the surface with the pest attached to the
engagement side of the pest removal device.

26.(Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising:

providing a storing liner to removably secure the engagement side of the pest removal
device.

- 27.(Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
folding the pest removal device to trap the pest.
- 28.(Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
disposing of the pest removal device.
- 29.(Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
saving the pest attached to the pest removal device; and
analyzing the pest for disease.